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audo circuits for processing the sound reproducing data;

a first power input portion being supplied with source power for said expansion device from

a power supply for said computer; and

a second power input portion being supplied with source power for said expansion device from a second power supply other than said power supply for said computer,

wherein operations of said audio circuits and said readout device are enabled by supplying source power thereto from said second power input portion when no source power is supplied to said first power input portion.